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(Dear Lord Denning)

In connection with our conversation this morning, I have referred to my diary for information on the stay of my wife and myself at Cliveden.

I find that this took place on Saturday, May 12, and Sunday, May 13, 1963. On May 12, 1963, my wife and I went in the afternoon to Cliveden, to spend the night and part of the following day.

On May 13, 1962, we walked around the gardens in cold weather, and left after lunch for London.

Comments: Since seeing you, I have talked to my wife and asked her whether she has any additional recollection of what took place on this occasion, and whether there were any guests except those mentioned in the diary.

She said, and my own memory confirms this, that shortly after we arrived on Saturday afternoon a large number of people--perhaps 50 to 100--were taken around the house by our host on a guided tour. She also said that a few people other than the dinner guests came in for cocktails. I do not recall, nor does she, who they were.

It is, therefore, possible that I might have met Dr. Ward at that time. If so, I have no recollection whatever of this having taken place. Neither of us remembers who were at lunch on the

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The Right Honorable
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day of our departure. If there had been any new arrivals, I would probably have noted the fact.

It was a great pleasure meeting you this morning, and if you want me to come down again at any time, I would be delighted to do so.

Very sincerely yours,

David Bruce
American Ambassador

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his alleged disappointment in not having become Prime Minister as a result of Macmillan's rumored intention to resign some days ago.

I went down to have tea with Madame de Courcel at the French Embassy. We had a wonderful gossip about the recent scandals, especially [redacted] the witty way they had been treated in the French newspapers. She is a delightful and attractive woman, with a wide range of interests, gay, with a sympathetic personality.

I sent Averell yesterday a telegram, to which I gave no distribution, reflecting some personal views I have about Lord Hailsham, a man whom I not only like but admire, but who is of such markedly different temperament from Averell that I think the latter should be informed of my views before he meets Hailsham, who is, I think, a stranger to him:

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Tonight we had the annual dinner of the American Society at the Dorchester, a white tie and decorations affair, with an assemblage of about 500 people. After shaking hands with the guests, the banquet proceeded in its customary way. The Chairman, Maxim Joubert, introduced Sir Keith Joseph, who made a short and witty speech, perfectly suited for the occasion. I proposed the toats to "The Queen", "The President", and "The Day We Celebrate". As a preliminary to the last, I made more or less the following remarks:

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Later in the day I talked to Alexis Johnson, but found there was no hope of amplifying the official American comment. Bill Clark and Archie Roosevelt have [redacted] been heavily engaged with this matter, and we have had frequent meetings on it.

Jimmy Warburg called on me this morning. He injured his Achilles' tendon on his boat trip from America to England, and seemed [redacted] in considerable pain. He has a brilliant mind, but has never properly harnessed it to run toward practical objectives. Two years ago he underwent a severe cancer operation entailing the loss of half his tongue. I would not have noticed the handicap if he had not spoken of it, for he remains singularly fluent of speech and thoroughly understandable. He has for years written frequent articles on monetary questions; he disapproves the present policy of the U. S. Treasury in this regard, and fears a run in some unspecified future on the pound and the dollar, which he thinks would be avoidable if Treasury policy were changed.

I lunched at the Travellers Club as the guest of Rodzinski, the Polish Ambassador. He is excellent company. He believes we can make a deal with the Soviet Union on a test ban if we exclude underground testing, laying it over for

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This morning, Alix Fisher, aged 18, a [redacted] daughter of my cousin Billy Fisher of Baltimore, [redacted], called on me, with two young friends, the Misses Clotworthy. I took them on a tour of the Embassy building.

Lord Home asked me to come to see him, so I cancelled my appointment with the new Algerian Ambassador, Mohamed Kellou. He [redacted] sent for me to show me a copy of the Prime Minister's reply to the Presidential message. I told him in outline what I had reported.

After my return, I received from Chip Bohlen in Paris a copy of his telegram on the same subject. He threw a good deal of cold water on the proposal.

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From what Home has heard, the talks are going fairly well in Moscow. The two sides are now trying to draft a mutually satisfactory agreement. It is not, however, yet clear whether the Soviets intend to link such an agreement with a non-aggression pact or another proposition.

I attended a showing of the film done by Lucy Jarvis, NBC, of the Kremlin. She has been here for some time, importuning the Palace with a request to do a similar show on [redacted] Buckingham Palace. This is proving difficult, so she requested I invite some one from the Queen's household to see the Russian picture. I got Sir John Colville, but the Lord Chamberlain and the others who finally will have to pass on her application were occupied elsewhere. I was astonished that the

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They have to do with the negotiations in Moscow. Enthusiasts at home have whipped themselves up into thinking this is the time to bring the French back into the Atlantic fold.

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Having been invited to comment on it, I intend to do so.

This afternoon I left by train for Petworth, at the invitation of Pamela and John Wyndham. E decided to stay in London with Nicky, and the Jaretskis, for the night, and come down to Petworth tomorrow. Bunny Mellon and Eliza Lloyd have left for a country weekend, whence they will go back to the United States.

Henry Brandon, Washington correspondent of the Sunday Times, joined me, so we journeyed together. We were alone in a compartment on the train. He gave me a review of affairs in Washington, especially those with an Anglo-American tincture, which was both amusing and instructive.

We had scarcely set foot in the magnificent pile of Petworth before Brandon was telephoned by the White House. For two solid hours he talked back and forth to Mac Bundy and to the Sunday Times, to shape an interview with Bundy, in which assurances were given that all was well between US and the British, including the still vexed matter of security violations.

Staying with the Wyndhams were, in addition to Brandon and myself, Diana Cooper, Kitty and Frank Giles (Sunday Times Foreign Editor), Kisty Hesketh, John Wyndham is a superb story teller. All Leconfields are said to be eccentric. He certainly is, and is distinguished by unusual wit, charm, knowledge and warmth. As for Pamela, it would be impossible to fault her.

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